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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0363

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PROP OAU ET US AO

SUBJECT: EPMG PRESS RELEASE CRITICAL OF USG AND BRITS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 331

1. BRIT AMBASSADOR IS SENDING LETTER TO FONMIN KIFLE ON ABOVE SUBJECT GIST OF WHICH IS THAT: AMB HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED TO FONMIN IN PERSON SURPRISE AND CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESS RELEASE; UKG HAS BEEN CAREFUL IN ITS STATEMENTS RELATING TO KIDNAPPED PERSONNEL IN ERITREA; HE HAD HOPED THAT AFTER ORAL REPRESENTATION PRESS RELEASE WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN BUT INSTEAD IT WAS PRINTED IN PAPER AND CARRIED REPEATEDLY ON EPMG RADIO; IT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT EPMG HAS LINKED THIS MATTER WITH THE ANGOLA QUESTION; AND HOPE THAT IN FUTURE IF EPMG IS CONCERNED ABOUT UKG ACTIONS THE MATTER CAN BE DISCUSSED PRIVATELY BEFORE PRESS RELEASES ARE ISSUED. BRITISH EMBOFFS ARE INSTRUCTED TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS SAYING ONLY THAT BRIT AMB HAS DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH EPMG FONMIN.

2. BELIEVE IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO GET USG REACTION ALSO ON RECORD IN WRITING. HOWEVER, PREFER TO WAIT A FEW DAYS UNTIL AFTER OAU SUMMIT BECAUSE (A) LETTER WILL GET SCANT  
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ATTENTION FROM DIRG MEMBERS DURING THESE DAYS OF OAU

TENSIONS, (B) US AMB HAS ALREADY MADE US POSITION FORCEFULLY  
KNOWN TO FONMIN, AND (C) EFFECTIVENESS OF USG REBUTTAL WILL BE  
GREATER LATER ON, WHEN DIRG HOTHEADS HAVE HAD MORE TIME TO  
CONCLUDE THAT THEY ACTED TOO HASTILY. EMBASSY WILL SEND  
DEPT TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER IN A FEW DAYS.  
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